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Wet and windy weekend for many

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Wet and windy weather dominates the weekend forecast for much of the UK, with a number of Met Office weather warnings in force.

From the early hours of Saturday morning, a band of heavy rain will gradually move in from the southwest and transition northeast through the day, with the potential for some surface water flooding where rain falls on saturated ground. A number of warnings for rain have been issued.

Wind will be an additional hazard on Saturday, with low-pressure dominant towards western areas of the UK.

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It will be an unsettled weekend for all of us with wind and rain warnings issued for Saturday.

Further wet and windy weather is expected on Sunday.

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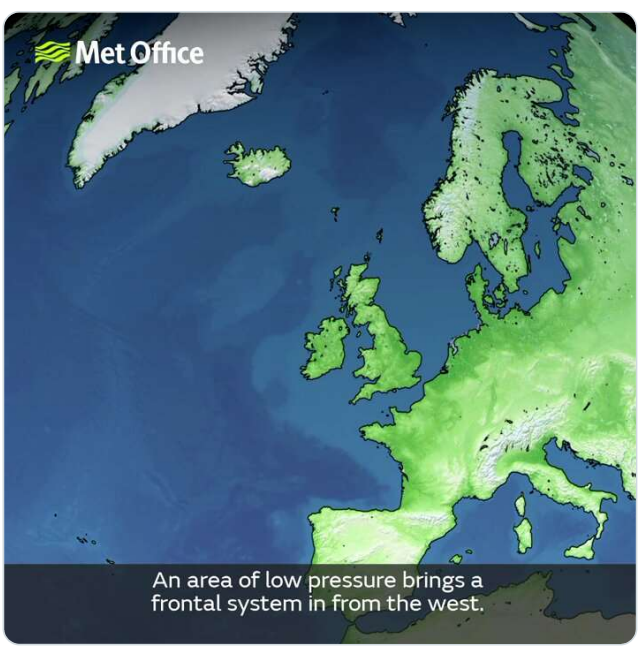

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Met Office Chief Meteorologist Andy Page said: “Wet and windy weather is the main theme of the forecast this weekend, though there will be some drier interludes in the south on Saturday afternoon.

“Winds and rain could be disruptive at times, which has resulted in the issuing of weather warnings for both wind and rain. Winds could peak around 70mph on exposed Irish Sea coasts, with gusts of around 45-55mph likely quite widely in England and Wales. 30mm of rain could fall in a few places towards the southwest, with in excess of 50mm possible in parts of Northern Ireland and southwest Scotland.”

Saturday’s low-pressure system has been named Storm Elin by Met Eireann, with more widespread impacts expected for the Republic of Ireland. The system weakens and clears to the west of the UK late Saturday and into the early hours of Sunday morning.

Sunday will see a continuation of unsettled conditions with periods of heavy rain affecting the vast majority of the UK, with western areas of Britain most likely to see further heavy rainfall into the evening.

There will also be a deep area of low-pressure moving towards Northern Ireland later in the day, which will reintroduce some gusty winds, especially in western areas alongside this further rainfall.

Flood warnings

Flood warnings for the UK are issued by the local environment agencies; Natural Resources Wales, the Scottish Environment Protection Agency, the Department for Infrastructure Northern Ireland and the Environment Agency in England.

It is important to stay up to date with warnings in your local area.

Kate Marks, flood duty manager at the Environment Agency, said: “Minor river flooding impacts are expected across parts of England until Tuesday, following recent heavy rainfall and with further rain on Saturday. Minor surface water flooding is likely across parts of Somerset, Devon and Dorset on Saturday, with further minor impacts also possible elsewhere.

“We advise people to stay away from swollen rivers and urge people not to drive through flood water as just 30cm of flowing water is enough to move your car.

“People should check their flood risk, sign up for free flood warnings and keep up to date with the latest situation at https://www.gov.uk/check-if-youre-at-risk-of-flooding and follow @EnvAgency on X, formerly known as Twitter, for the latest flood updates.”

Next week

An unsettled start to next week is likely, with an Atlantic influence on the UK weather bringing periods of wet and windy weather for many.

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